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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : As the last question, may I request the Government to consider this question whether by the prescription of text-books in large numbers in recent years, cultivation of personality has suffered and whether pupils attach more importance to the text-books than to the teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It all depends upon the system of education we impart; we do not aim that it should be purely bookish; we aim at the development of personality as a whole. That is why in the lower classes, the system of basic education without text-books is generally followed.

Provision of shelters at bus-stops in the City

* 109 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme under the consideration of the Government for the provision of shelter at all the bus-stops in the City; and

(*b*) whether private philanthropy is proposed to be tapped for the purpose?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) It has been decided to provide for the present shelters at 35 bus-stops in the City. Other bus-stops will be taken up in due course for provision of shelters.

(*b*) No, Sir.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister please enlighten us on what the financial arrangement is for construction of passenger shelters in the City, whether the Corporation of Madras is putting up such sheds and whether the Government are giving any financial help in the shape of grants or loans for construction of such shelters?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : We have given the Corporation by way ex-gratia grant Rs. 1 lakh for improving traffic arrangements. The Corporation was asked to spend about Rs. 15,000 out of that. The Director of Government Transport submitted a report stating that he required 35 shelters to be put up immediately. The cost of this would be nearly Rs. 43,000. We have asked the Corporation to come up before the Government for any further assistance. Already, the Corporation has undertaken to provide these 35 shelters and five of them have already been constructed and the rest are ready for completion in the course of three or four months.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, what is the probable cost of each shelter and has any attempt been made to have the work done by charitably disposed gentlemen who come forward to do so? May I suggest that an appeal be made to them through the Transport authorities so that private charitable agencies may be utilized for this purpose?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, the cost is for 35 shelters Rs. 43,000. Government do not discourage any philanthropic gentleman coming forward to do this item of work, out of generosity. We would, on the other hand, welcome any such offer and I have no objection to appealing to public-spirited gentlemen. I know there are certain places where philanthropic gentlemen have undertaken this kind of work and they have also named the shelters after their dear ones.

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI : Sir, is it the idea of Government to construct shelters at every bus-stop?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : There are 762 bus-stops and 52 of them have been already provided with shelters. But in view of the huge expenditure involved in construction, the cost of provision of shelter at every stop is prohibitive. But it is the intention of the Government to provide shelters at important places and they have selected 35 places which are considered to be very important and which require the urgent attention of the Government.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Sir, will the Government try any other pattern of shelter, as the present one does not give shelter either from sun or rain? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : I think I will be satisfied with some shelter provided for the time being.

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI : If it is very costly to construct shelters as we are doing now, why should we not go in for cheap ones? (A Voice : Thatched shelters?)

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Should they not be durable and should not they withstand storm and winds and give sufficient protection from sun and rain?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* THE SERIOUS INSECURE SITUATION CREATED IN THE CASE OF TEACHERS HANDLING SANSKRIT, ARABIC AND URDU IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS BY THE PASSING OF G.O. No. 1344, EDUCATION, DATED THE 12TH JULY 1956.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have received notice of a Motion for Adjournment from the hon. Member Sri G. Krishnamoorthi. The motion runs as follows :—

"I beg to move that this House do adjourn the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious insecure situation created in the case of teachers handling Sanskrit, Arabic and Urdu in Secondary Schools by the passing of G.O. No. 1344, Education, dated the 12th July 1956 and the application of rule 60 of the Madras Educational Rules to such languages."